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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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